



Inspire by Example

Service-Learning Awards

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February 13, 2008

Dear Service-Learning Coordinator:

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity. On April 30, 2008 students, teachers, and volunteers of Learn and Serve Missouri grant sites and Service-Learning programs from across the state will join in Jefferson City for **Missouri Service Day**. At this celebration, participants will be recognized with the *Inspire By Example Service-Learning Awards*. I would like to invite you to take part in recognizing student leaders in service-learning by nominating an individual or a group of students for this award. Nominees should be a student or a group of students who are participating in the Service-Learning program and who have made a significant contribution to your local community.

Enclosed you will find the eligibility and nomination criteria as well as the award application. Please complete the enclosed application and return it by Friday, **March 14, 2008** to the address below.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,

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Return applications to: Missouri Service-Learning
Community Education Section
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Enclosures



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Nomination Form

Please type all information requested in this application.

Letter of Nomination

Please submit a nomination letter describing the service performed by the individual or group that is being nominated (letter and attachments should not exceed three combined pages). The letter should be formatted to address the judging criteria as described on page 4 of this nomination form.

Materials submitted over the three-page limit will not be provided to the judges.

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE ONLY)

☐ Youth
YOUTH

☐ Youth Group

The Youth Award is given to an **individual in K-12th grade**, at the time of nomination.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group Award is given to a group of **two or more youth, K-12th grade**, at the time of nomination. **For Youth Group nominees:** Please describe the individual roles and leadership of the youth in the act(s) of service for which the group is being nominated.

Nominee's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____ Grade Level: _____

Years involved in Service-Learning: _____

Nominator's Information

Name: _____

Nominator's Position/Relationship: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____

Nominator's E-mail: _____

District Service-Learning Coordinator's Information

District Name: _____

Building: _____

District Location: _____

District Coordinator's Name: _____

District Coordinator's Address: _____

District Coordinator's Phone: _____

District Coordinator's Fax: _____

District Coordinator's E-mail: _____

Has your program been a Learn and Serve Missouri grant site? _____ Year? _____

References (other person/people familiar with project(s))

Reference #1: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Reference #2: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship: _____



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Eligibility and Nomination Criteria:

GUIDELINES

- Nominees are to be participants in a Learn and Serve Missouri grant site or be part of a school sponsored Service-Learning program.
- Students may be nominated by a Teacher or the Service-Learning Coordinator.
- Volunteer service must be performed in Missouri and may not include hours served as part of an academic requirement.
- **The nomination letter and attachments are limited in length to no more than three pages** and should specifically be formatted for the Inspire by Example Service Award according to the judging criteria listed below.
- Previous award winners are not eligible for nomination.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- ❖ **Need:** Service addressed a specific need in the community.
- ❖ **Action:** The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
- ❖ **Innovation:** The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
- ❖ **Impact:** The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 14, 2008.
- Nominations can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered, or e-mailed to:
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- 2008 award winners will be announced April 30, 2008 at the Missouri Service Day held in Jefferson City, Missouri. Recipients will be notified prior to the public announcement.